



Three Rivers School District

Quality Education Runs Deep

Board Meeting Date: December 12, 2018

Superintendent Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item:

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Informational

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Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

This Board Report is to share information with the Board on the new K-5 Health Standards, the plan to deliver lessons, and the support we are offering to parents and teachers throughout this process. Cost to deliver these lessons, in partnership with SART (Sexual Assault Response Team), is approximately \$5,600 from Title IV funds.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

In July 2015, Oregon Legislature passed SB 856 which requires school to provide child sexual abuse prevention instruction Kindergarten through grade 12. As a result, Oregon Department of Education created and adopted new Health Education Standards that include required components of SB 856. The focus and intent of the standards is on prevention and body awareness at an age appropriate level. Required implementation is during the 2018-2019 school year. To teach these particular standards, TRSD is partnering with SART, Sexual Assault Response Team from Southern Oregon. SART has two years of experience working with youth teaching these standards through literature in districts such as Ashland, Central Point, and Medford. Kyndra Laughery from SART will be the lead instructor for TRSD school. There are four total lessons dealing with these topics. SART will teach lesson 1 to each elementary class in TRSD, then leave Lesson 2 for the classroom teacher to deliver. SART will then come back and teach Lesson 3, with Lesson 4 taught by the classroom teacher. We will host three parents meetings in January, with lessons to begin in February.

List the advantages of your proposal:

TRSD is required to address these standards with all students. Partnering with SART allows teachers to support the experts in the first lesson, then follow-up with their students for the second lesson. Surrounding districts have had very favorable partnerships with SART and highly recommend their work with students and families.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Parents have expressed their concern with the teaching of these standards. It is our hope to address these questions at the parent meetings prior to lessons being taught.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

There are other child-protection units available for purchase. Second Steps Child Protection Unit is an alternative delivery of these standards, however the cost for all elementary schools would be approximately \$10,567 and does not come with support for our teachers or parents.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☒ No ☐